

December 3, 2017 — First Sunday of Advent

A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.



Alleluia! Alleluia!
Show us, Lord, our love;
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Mark 13:33-37 Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word: We hear a lot about waiting today. With the Chosen People in exile, Isaiah humbly prays for God's saving presence. Feeling abandoned, the psalmist sings, "Let us see your face and we shall be saved." Saint Paul assures the Christians in Corinth that they have what they need from God as they wait for Christ's coming in glory. Finally, in Mark's Gospel, Jesus advises his disciples to be on the watch, like servants waiting for their master to return.

Question of the week: As we begin the season of Advent, how am I preparing a place for Jesus in my life?

First Sunday of Advent



Lord, make us turn to you.

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SATURDAY — 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY — 8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY — 11:00 A.M.

Winter Mass Schedule

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

St. Anthony Adoration Chapel
MON., TUES., WED., FRI. 9:00 AM

Immaculate Heart Chapel
MCS Foundation Bldg
300 Edlth Street

MONDAY — SATURDAY
12:00 PM

1st Saturday—Healing Mass
at St. Anthony — 12:00 PM

THURSDAY — 10:00 A.M.
Missoula Manor, 909 W. Central

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY — 4:00 - 4:45 P.M. or by appointment

St. Anthony Adoration Chapel open

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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ST. ANTHONY PARISH 1921-2017

December 3, 2017



ORIGINS OF ADVENT

Of the sacred seasons of the Church Year, Advent is the first, observed during the first four weeks of each new Church year and leading to the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of God into our world and our lives. Celebrating Advent focuses on themes of promise and fulfillment, darkness and light, hope and joy in anticipation of God's presence with us. Advent is celebrated not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in anticipation of his final coming at the end of time.

DEFINITION OF ADVENT

The word 'advent' comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning 'arrival' or 'coming', particularly of something having great importance.

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY



There will be a Family Maternity Remembrance Ceremony on Tuesday Dec. 5th at 7pm in Broadway Conference Center at St. Patrick Hospital. This service is to remember all the children that have died this past year in our maternity center as well as for anyone who has experienced the death of a child as well as those who have experienced a miscarriage.

GIVE BLOOD • GIVE LIFE



St Anthony Parish Life Center • December 6, 2017 • 2-6pm



Mass in the church at 9:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm



Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe
El 12 de diciembre la iglesia de St Francis Xavier Missoula Misa a las 7:00 pm

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12, 2017 at St Francis Xavier Parish. Mass at 7:00 pm



PARISH HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

Our Holiday Bake Sale will be held
December 9 and 10, 2017
before and after all the Masses.



All sorts of treats and goodies are appreciated for the St Anthony Parish Fabulous Bake Sale! If you have a favorite traditional 'holiday' goodie, please feel free to bring it. If you don't bake, or even if you do, please feel free to purchase some of these amazing baked goods! We look forward to purchasing and sampling your wonderful culinary offerings.

Thank you for sharing your culinary talents!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Your help is appreciated through the annual, Christmas Giving Tree providing Christmas gifts for individuals and families who are in need. The Giving Tree is located in the entryway of our church. Parishioners are asked to take one or more tags from this Christmas Tree. Please purchase the gift indicated on the tag, and unless otherwise noted, please wrap the gift. Be sure to attach the original gift tag to the package. If the gift tags are for gift cards, please attach the original tag to the card and return it to the collection box under the tree.



Please return the gifts to the church no later than December 17.

Thank you in advance for letting others know they are not alone during this season of hope and love!

Crèche Wood Carving Raffle



St Anthony's is raffling three wood carvings: there are two hand-carved crèches from Jerusalem, and a wood-carved Santa made by Fr Drury. Tickets are \$20 for the first ticket and \$5 for every ticket thereafter per buyer. Buyer gets to choose which raffle item (or items!) their tickets go toward. The carvings will be on display at the raffle ticket table in the vestibule of the church. Drawing to be held December 10th. Need not be present to win.



PARISH FINANCIAL
SNAPSHOT OF OUR
WEEKLY INCOME

Week #22	Y.T.D.	F.Y. Budget	% Budget	Short/Budget
\$5,796.26	\$121,205.26	\$320,521.07	37.8%	4.2%
(In week 22 of the Fiscal Year, a 4.2% budget shortfall equates to \$13,413.18)				



Because of the overwhelming generosity of our parish the 2nd - Offertory collection taken on November 26, 2017, added an additional \$6,852.95 toward this years operating budget. Thank you to all who gave of themselves!

ST. ANTHONY PARISH PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT

For someone in need of prayer, please contact the
St. Anthony Parish Prayer Chain:
Colleen Tuxbury 493-0347 mahanna1921@gmail.com.



MISSOULA DEANERY AND COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

- **NAMI** - National Alliance on Mental Illness has a variety of support groups available. Visit namimissoula.org or on Facebook at [facebook.com/NAMIMissoula](https://www.facebook.com/NAMIMissoula) for more information.
- **'No Room at The Inn' Annual Festival & Fundraiser** will be December 8th-10th at Blessed Trinity Catholic Community. Tickets are \$30/advance and \$40/door. Info/tickets: 721-2405 or online at: www.blessedtrinitymissoula.org or www.micmt.org.
- **Joyeux Noel** presented by the International Choral Festival's Bella Armonia Youth Chorale, University of Montana Choirs, and the Missoula Mendelssohn Club present Joyeux Noel, a fundraising concert featuring holiday music and audience sing-a-longs on Dec 12th at 7:30pm at St Anthony Church 217 Tremont St. Tickets sold at Rockin' Rudy's or at the door. For more info: choralfestival.org
- **The John Floridis Family Promise benefit concert** will be on Dec 17th at 7:00pm at St Paul Lutheran Church 202 Brooks Street Missoula. The concert is FREE! All donations collected at the door will benefit Family Promise of Missoula.
- **Retrouvaille Weekend** program for couples, Feb 2-4, 2018 at the Ursuline Centre, Great Falls, Montana. For more information, contact the registration team at 800-470-2230 or visit our website: retrouvailleMT.org or HelpOurMarriage.com
- **Get It Done Crew** Need help with your winter project list, call the Get It Done crew at 926-3400. They're happy to help!



Mass Intentions

November 25 - December 3, 2017

Saturday	Dec 2	5:00 pm ~ + Donna Huguet by <i>Claude Huguet</i>
Sunday	Dec 3	8:30 am ~ + Dorothy Mitchell by <i>Roxie Allred</i>
Sunday	Dec 3	11:00 am ~ + Valorie Koenig by <i>Eleanor Hauck</i>
Monday	Dec 4	9:00 am ~ + Bob Westcott by <i>Steve Hopkins</i>
Tuesday	Dec 5	9:00 am ~ + Jim & Arlene Hopkins by <i>Steve Hopkins</i>
Wednesday	Dec 6	9:00 am ~ + Paul Dennison by <i>Steve Hopkins</i>
Thursday	Dec 7	10:00 am ~ Poor Souls in Purgatory by <i>Linda Gillan</i>
Friday	Dec 8	9:00 am ~ + Bob Holden by <i>Kathy Holden</i>
Friday	Dec 8	12:00 pm ~ Our Parish Family
Friday	Dec 8	8:30 am ~ + John Antrim by <i>Mary Ann Antrim</i>
Saturday	Dec 9	5:00 pm ~ + Mary & Gus Cassidy by <i>Steve Hopkins</i>
Sunday	Dec 10	8:30 am ~ + Scott McBeth
Sunday	Dec 10	11:00 am ~ + Ed Burghardt by <i>The Burghardt Family</i>

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Dec 3**– First Sunday of Advent / Rite of Continuing Conversion
- Dec 3**– RE & Adult Bible Study 9:45am; RCIA 12:00pm
- Dec 3**– Youth Group at Christ the King 7:30pm
- Dec 4-5**– Eucharistic Adoration in PLC every Mon and Tues
- Dec 5**– Advent Communal Penance 12pm; confessions 5-6pm
- Dec 6**– Red Cross Blood Drive in PLC 2pm-6pm
- Dec 7**– Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in PLC 7:00pm
- Dec 8**– Immaculate Conception Mass 9am; 12:00pm; 5:30pm
- Dec 10**– Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 9-10**– Parish Bake Sale weekend!
- Dec 10**– RE & Adult Bible Study 9:45am; RCIA 12:00pm
- Dec 10**– Wood Carving Raffle Drawing after 11am Mass
- Dec 10**– Youth Group –small group weekend
- Dec 11-12**– Eucharistic Adoration in PLC every Mon and Tues
- Dec 12**– Deanery Meeting at Christ the King Parish 12:00pm
- Dec 12**– Spanish Mass at St Francis Xavier 7:00pm (see ad)
- Dec 24**– Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at 10:00am
- Dec 24**– Christmas Eve Family Mass at 5:00pm
- Dec 24**– Christmas Eve Candlelight Vigil at 9:00pm
- Dec 25**– Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am
- Dec 25-26**– NO 9am Mass or Eucharistic Adoration

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2017

Campaign Progress Report as of November 30, 2017:

St. Anthony Church Financial Goal -	\$62,500
Currently Pledged-	\$35,432
Percentage of Goal-	57%
Currently Paid-	\$26,752
Total Donors-	130
Registered Households-	379
Percentage Participation-	34.3%



PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2017



*No Gift
is too small*

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC APPEAL
FUNDING THE MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

Wreaths for St Mary's Cemetery

Missoula Catholic School students are selling Christmas wreaths to support co-curricular activities. Wreaths will be delivered and placed on your loved one's gravesite the first week of December.

If you would like to place an order, please call 541-2852.



Charitable Giving Reminders for Year-End Giving

*The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena
has provided these helpful reminders:*

Charitable contributions made to your local Parish or to the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena are deductible in the calendar year the gift is made. For charitable gifts to be credited for this current calendar year of 2017, please note the following:

- All checks must be received by the Church **on or before** December 31, 2017.
- Transfers of stocks or securities must take place **on or prior to** December 29, 2017.



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